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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

On July 20, 2007, Examiner Esaw T. Abraham telephone Applicants' representative Steven M. Santisi, Reg. No. 40,157, regarding the above-captioned patent application.

The Examiner indicated that all claims except Claim 8 and 9 are allowable. The Examiner thus suggested canceling Claims 8 to 11 to allow the case to issue. Applicants' representative suggested amending Claim 8 to include the features of Claim 10 and canceling Claim 10. This suggestion was made by Applicants' representative without conceding that original Claim 8 was not allowable over the art and was made solely to expedite prosecution. A continuation will be filed to pursue original

claim 8. The Examiner agreed that such an amendment would render Claims 8, 9, and 11 allowable and agreed to enter an Examiner's amendment to this end.

Thus, agreement was reached as to the allowability of all pending claims (with Claim 8 being amended as described above and Claim 10 being cancelled). Only Claims 8 to 11 were discussed. No prior art was discussed. No other issues were discussed.

Later on the same day Examiner Abraham called back to say that Claim 21 is not allowable. The Examiner suggested that he could amend Claim 21 to be allowable by incorporating the features of Claim 23 into Claim 21, analogously with Claim 8. Solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants' representative agreed to such an Examiner's amendment.

Applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the same. Applicants do not believe a Request for Extension of Time is required herewith. However, if any such fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696 for any other fees required by this paper. The Applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone Applicants' attorney should any questions remain.

Respectfully Submitted,



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